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Serving the Back Mt. Area



SETTING UP—Audrey Gerlach and Joan Rihan, RN, spent Monday setting up equipment in preparation for the opening of the Back Mountain Medical Center, Route 118, Lehman. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Thieves heist gold at church

State police at the Tunkhannock barracks are continuing their investigation into the theft of approximately \$1300 worth of gold religious articles and some cash, which took place when thieves broke into the Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church at Centermoreland.

The breakin, state police at Tunkhannock said, occurred sometime between 11:30 a.m. Christmas Day, and 2 p.m. on December 26 when an area resident, Joseph Buzinis of Falls discovered the breakin and notified the police. Buzinis is president of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, affiliated with Blessed Sacrament Church.

According to state police at Tunkhannock, the thieves gained entrance to the church by jimmying a lock on a door located on the west side of the building, and after breaking into the tabernacle, a sacristy closet and two cash boxes containing an undetermined amount of money, made off with an estimated \$1300 worth of religious articles.

The stolen items include a gold-lined chalice with a diamond imbedded in the bottom valued at \$750; a 24" gold-lined monstrance valued at \$200; two gold-lined eucharist cups valued at \$150 each; a dish of shaped gold valued at \$20; two gold candlestick holders valued at \$15 each and a black leather bag valued at \$15.

The robbery was the third perpetrated at area churches during the past year. In the Spring, thieves broke into the Carverton United Methodist Church and made off with some church valuables. Just prior to the breakin at Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church, a robbery was committed at the Roman Catholic Church at Montdale.

Yes, car poolers, there is hope for you. College Misericordia invites car poolers to use their tennis court parking lot, just off Old Lake Road, free of charge. The need for car pool parking became evident when an area shopping center owner recently had vehicles belonging to poolers towed from his Shavertown location.

An open letter to Back Mt. residents

As you know, during the past month the Dallas Area Fall Fair Association has been selling no-interest bearing bonds in order to raise \$25,000. This money is to be used to purchase additional acreage behind the site of the Dallas Area Medical Center on Route 118 in Lehman. This land will become the new home of the annual Luzerne County Fair.

The additional land will enable the fair to continue to grow in size and attractions. A bigger and better fair will generate more proceeds annually. The proceeds of the Fair are used to operate and maintain the Back Mt. Mobile Intensive Care Unit and house the vehicle and paramedics at the medical center building.

It is also planned that the additional land will serve as the fairground each fall and as a permanent recreational area during the rest of the year.

The "Fair" has been happening for over 17 years. Because of it the Back Mt. Area residents now have the service of a mobile intensive care unit manned by paramedics. A medical center has been built which will provide the area with three additional doctors. By April, 1980, full 24 hour paramedic service will be available.

If this increased medical care is important to you and your family members, then please support the bond drive.

If your life may be saved by the immediate care of paramedics and the apparatus available on the MICU, then please support the bond drive.

If you and your family enjoy the annual fair and would like to see it grow bigger and better each year, then please support the bond drive.

If you feel the area needs a recreational area available for family reunions, church picnics, softball games, etc., then please support the bond drive.

We must reach our goal of \$25,000 by Feb. 1, 1980. We can do it with your help. Please buy a bond of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or any amount you wish. In ten years you get your money back.

In these inflationary times, this is not a money making investment but it is an investment in the future growth of the Back Mt. Area's medical care and recreational facilities.

Please help. Fill out the form below and mail it and your check today.

Sincerely,
Community Development Bond Drive Committee
of the Dallas Area Fall Fair, Inc.

Please enter my subscription to purchase a Dallas Area Fall Fair Community Development Bond in the amount of \$ _____
Date _____ Signature _____
Bond to be issued as: Name _____
Address _____

Make checks payable to the Dallas Area Fall Fair, Inc.
Mail to Alan B. Landis, 78 Summit St., Shavertown, Pa.

New Medical Center to open

The recently completed Back Mountain Medical Center located on Route 118, Lehman Township, physician office scheduled to open Jan. 21, announced Dr. Lester Jordan, president of the Back Mountain Medical Center Board.

In announcing the opening of this office Dr. Jordan said completion of the building represents many years of collective effort of members of the Fall Fair Committee and members of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital board of directors.

Facilities within the physician portion of the Medical Center consist of six well-designed and modernly equipped large examination rooms, a sophisticated major treatment room, three well decorated physician-patient consultation rooms, a laboratory and work area, and a secretary-reception area.

Upon entering the physician's portion of the Medical Center, patients pass through a comfortable waiting room and arrive at the receptionist area.

The Medical Center will open for patients on Jan. 21. Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Patients may call the Medical Center for appointment at 675-3663.

Physician coverage of the office building will be provided by family practitioners and specialists. Included in the group of physicians

to provide medical services are David I. Barras, M.D., ear, nose and throat specialist; Leo W. Landau, M.D., pediatrician; A. Anthony Anzalone, M.D., family practitioner; Shishir Prasad, M.D., family practitioner and surgeon; and Jay A. Ochreiter, D.P.M., podiatrist/foot surgeon. These physicians stand ready to provide comprehensive service to all area residents on an appointment basis.

To properly staff the Medical

Center Mrs. Joan Rihan, R.N., of Dallas, has been recruited as the office nurse. Included in her duties are assistance to the physicians and to provide information to patients. In addition to Mrs. Rihan, Ms. Audrey Gerlach, also of Dallas, has been hired as the medical secretary and receptionist.

Completion of the Medical Center and its availability for the treatment of patients is a credit to the hard working members of the Fall

Fair Committee, Dallas Area Medical Center Board, and Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. This project is a culmination of many years of diligent and conscientious involvement on the part of these community-minded citizens.

The long-established objective of ensuring all area residents the opportunity to obtain quality medical care has been enhanced with the availability of the new Back Mountain Medical Center.

And there was...

'Let there be light' on Carverton Road

In response to a letter from UGI the Kingston Township Supervisors agreed at their meeting on Wednesday night to request a right-of-way from PennDOT to have UGI install a pole and street light on Carverton Road near Brown Manor.

This street light is a compromise by the supervisors regarding a complaint from a resident of their decision to have a light removed from Old Carverton Road.

UGI agreed to provide the pole and light along the new section of Carverton Road at no charge to the township as long as it was left in that location for a minimum of five years.

Discarded Christmas trees will be picked up during the week of Jan. 21. The township road department asked that trees be left on the front

lawn of the home.

The next meeting of the Kingston Township Supervisors is scheduled for Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.

Martin still DAMA chief

R. Spencer Martin was retained as chairman of the board of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority at Thursday's reorganization meeting. Robert Dickinson is vice-chairman of the board.

Kenneth Rogers is secretary while Joseph Youngblood was

named assistant secretary. Treasurer is Robert Parker. Walter Weir, Sr. is assistant treasurer for the authority.

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at the treatment plant building.